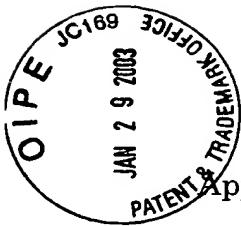


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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002 (Paper No. 9), please amend claim 15 of this application as follows. A marked-up version of amended claim 15 is included at the end of this Reply.

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15. (Amended) The wheel according to claim 1, wherein progressive transitions from the first areas to the second areas take place.

Please add the following new claim:

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--17. The wheel according to claim 1, wherein transitions from the first areas to the second areas are configured such that, along longitudinal courses of spokes from the wheel hub toward the rim, the cross-sections change from solid to triangular to V-shaped cross-sections.--